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**Bank robber is sentenced to 57 months in prison**

A federal judge has sentenced **Robert G. Palardy** to 57 months in prison for robbing a teller at a Bank RI branch in Providence in November 2005. During the robbery, Palardy claimed he had a bomb.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Mary M. Lisi imposed on January 26 in U.S. District Court, Providence.

In October, Palardy pleaded guilty to bank robbery. At the plea hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney James H. Leavey said that the government could prove that, on November 18, 2005, Palardy walked into the Bank RI branch at One Turks Head Place, placed a plastic bag on the teller counter, and said, "I have a bomb. Give me all your money." The teller gave him \$1,230, and he fled.

Providence police arrested Palardy about ten minutes after the robbery and, later that day, he gave a statement, admitting the robbery. Palardy told police that he'd been drinking and smoking marijuana and needed money for "more marijuana and more booze."

In addition to Providence Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the robbery.

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